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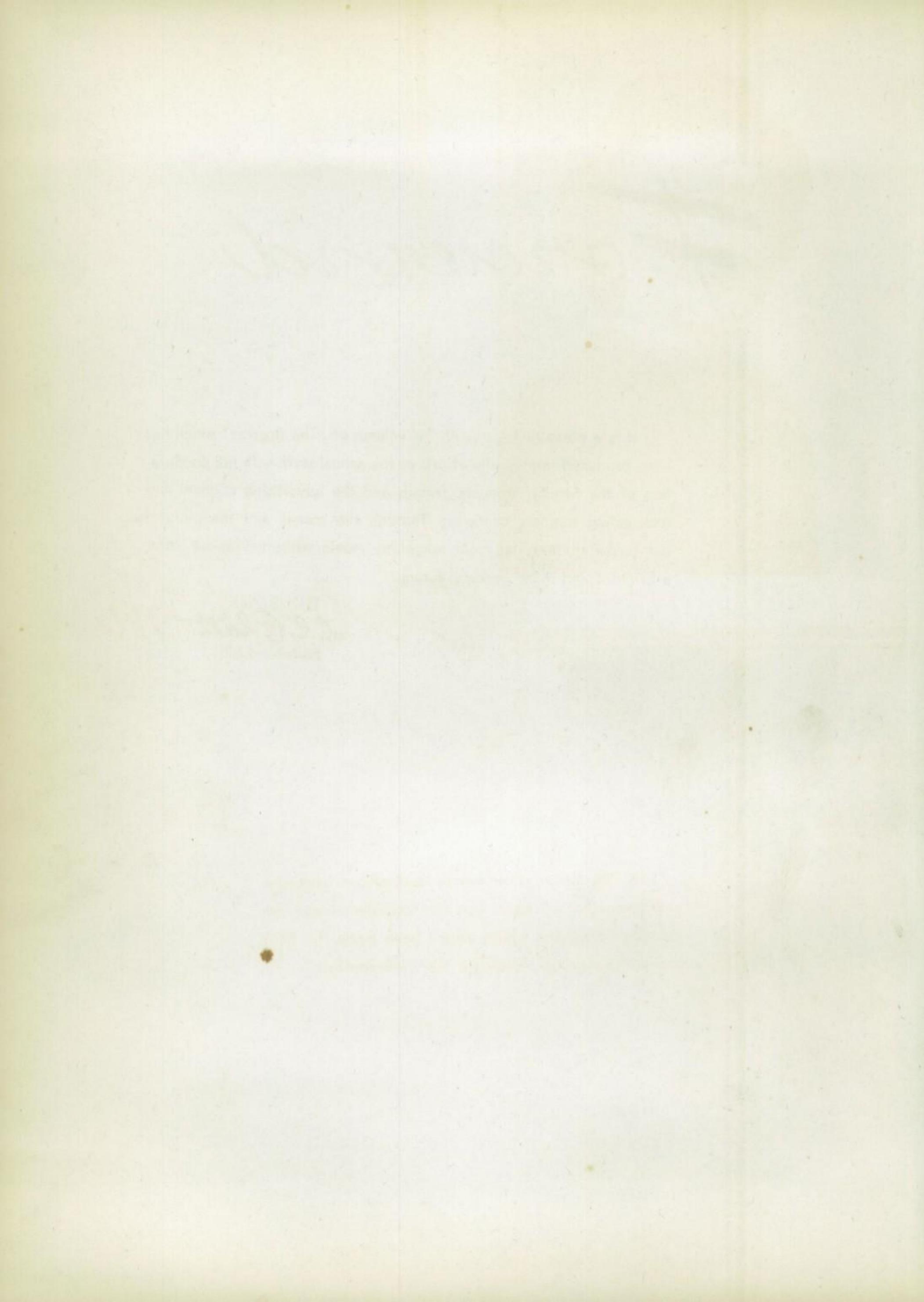
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Foreword

It is a pleasure to present this volume of "The Bearkat" which has been produced through the efforts of the annual staff, with the cooperation of the faculty, students, friends and the advertising of local and surrounding business concerns. Through the scenes and the pictures our fellow students may our schoolday memories return as we enter a brighter and more peaceful future.

THE STAFF
L.C. Platt
Editor-in-Chief





Dedication

To Mrs. Veigh Miller, whose leadership, friendliness, and understanding have won the confidence and admiration of all, and whose efforts have made this book possible, we proudly dedicate this 1946 Bearcat.

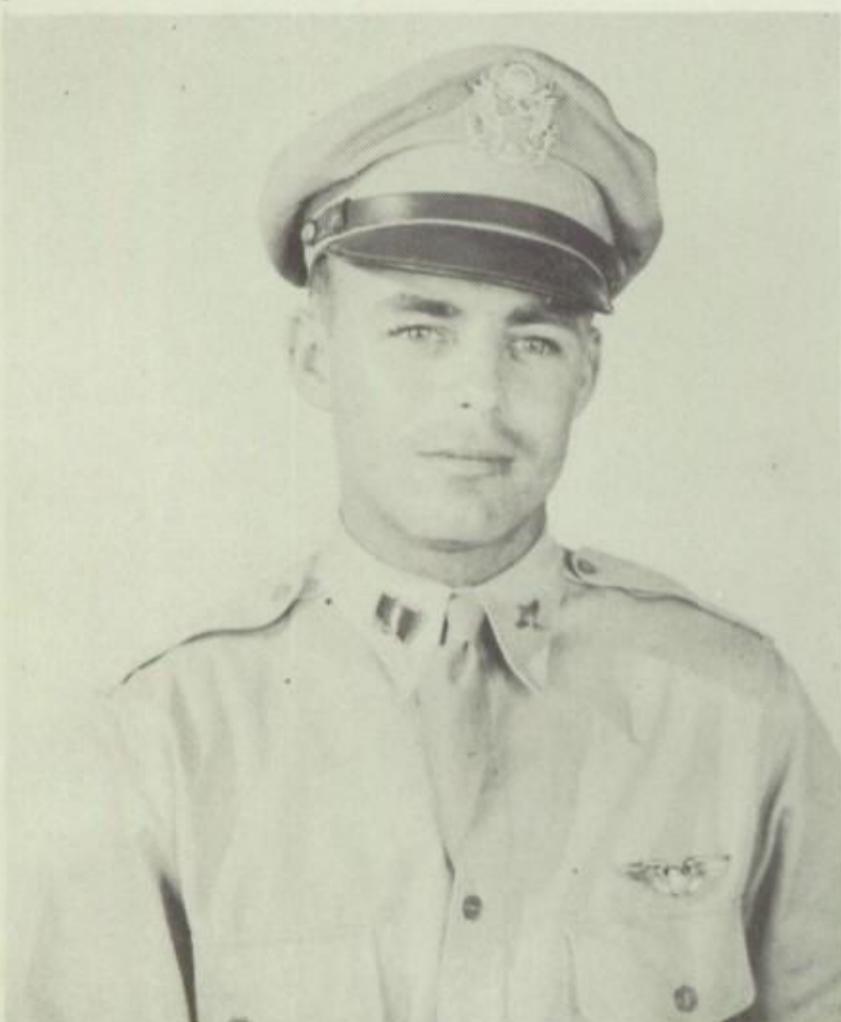
★ * In Memoriam * *



W. A. (Sonny) Jones
Class of '34



Frank Lowery, Jr.
Class of '36



Benton Lewis
Class of '37



Autrey Martin
Class of '37



Wayne Meadows
Class of '37



Norman Walker
Class of '38



Eugene Miller
Class of '41



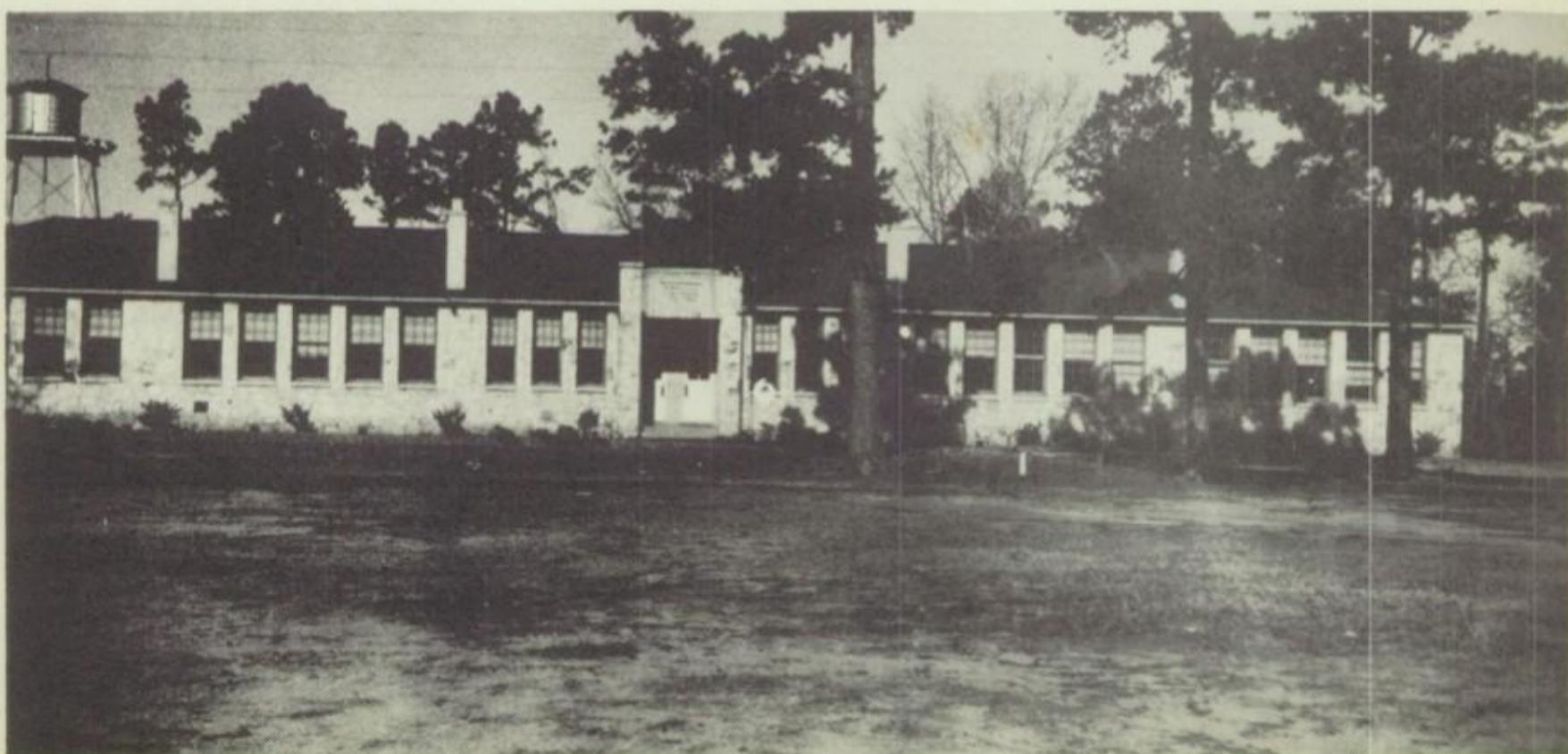
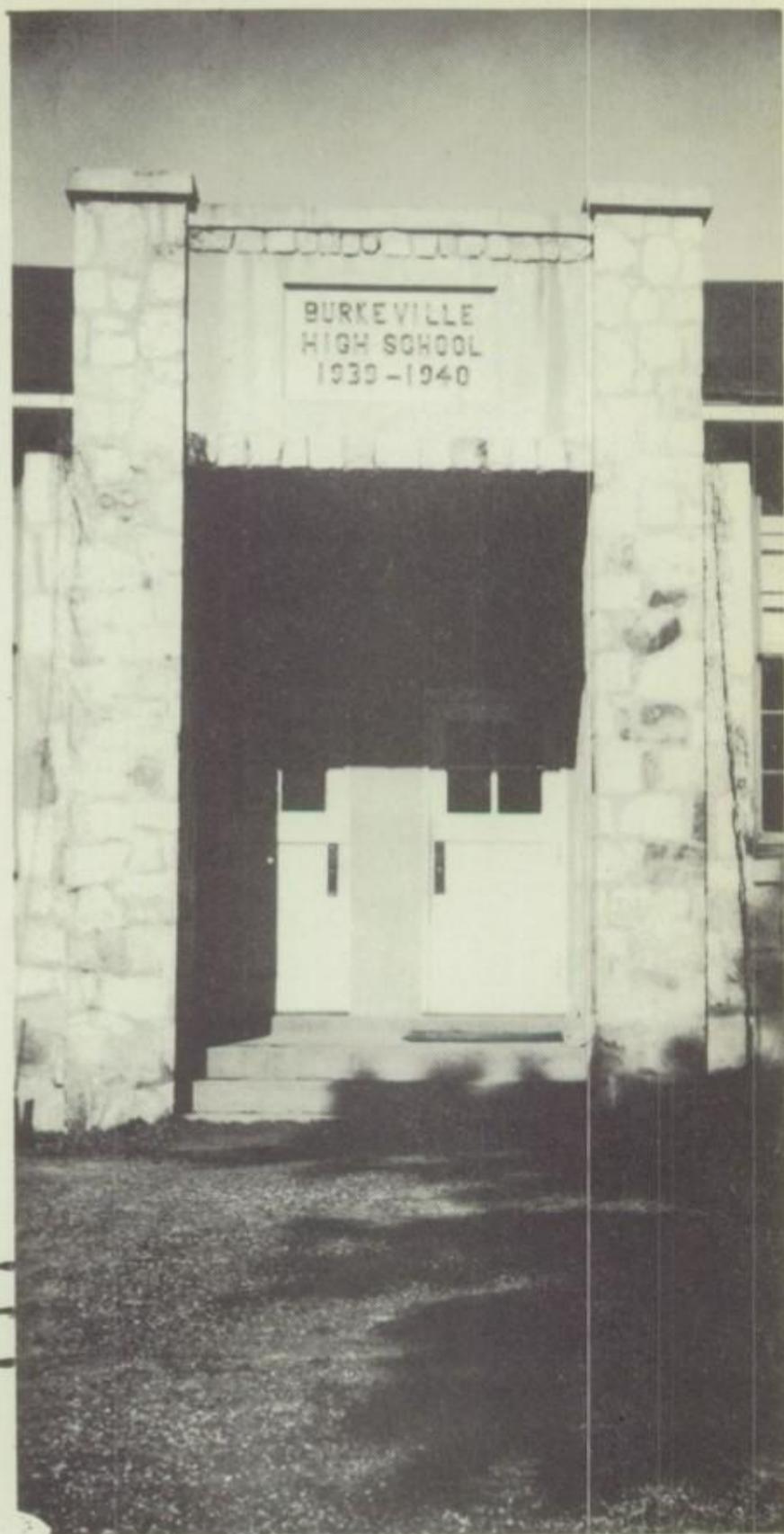
Jack Kelly
Class of '36—Beaumont



Arnold West

In Memoriam

The Doorway
To
Opportunity



Elementary School Buildings



School Board



E. T. McGraw



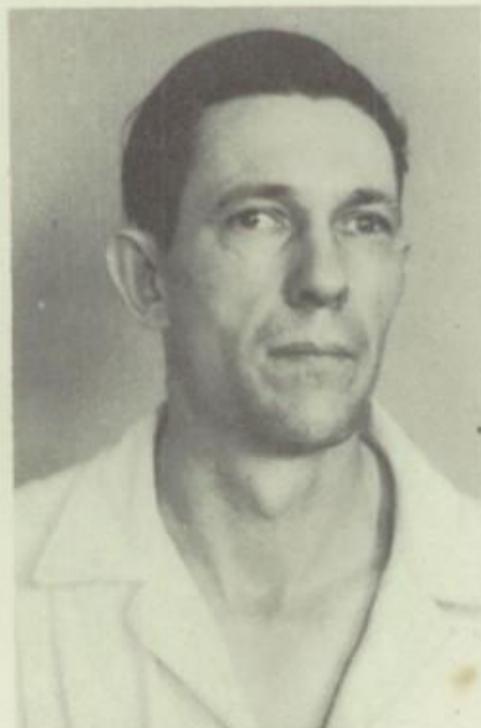
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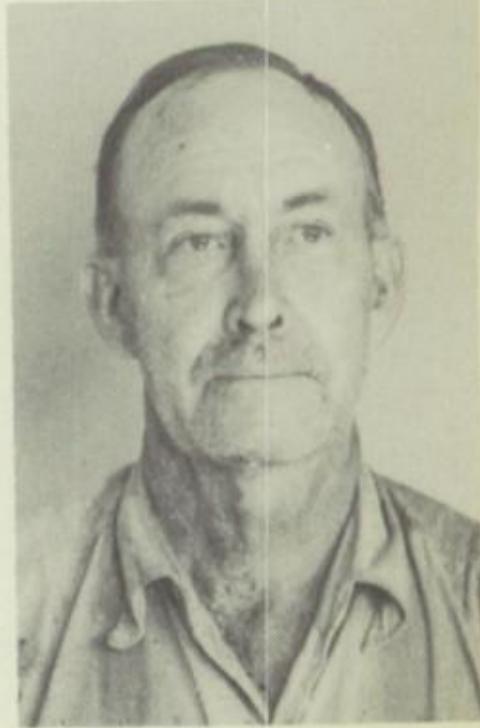
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Secretary



Ogden Freeman

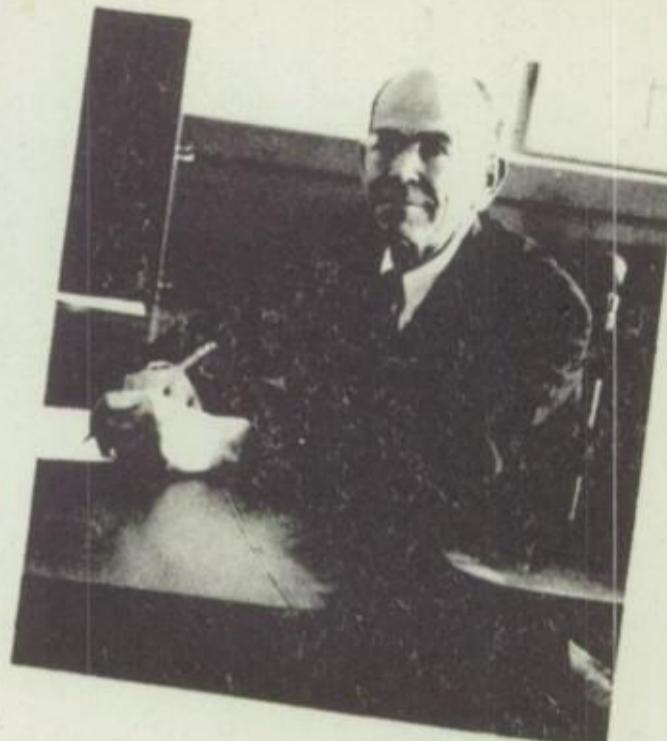


M. D. Erwin



A. B. Chapman

A Message from Our Superintendent

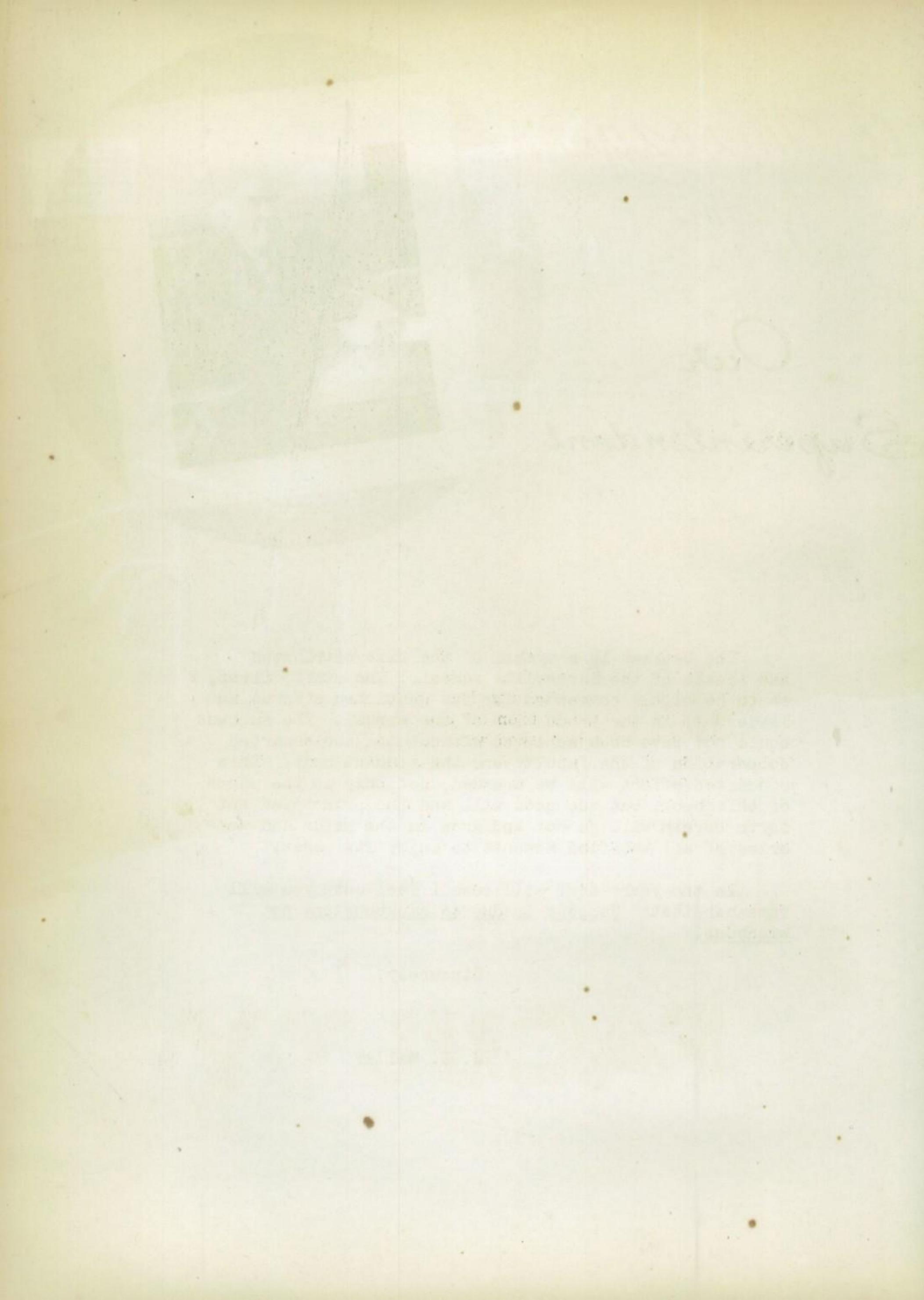


The Bearkat is a symbol of the high attributes and ideals of the Burkeville school. The staff, first, is to be highly commended for its unstinted efforts and leadership in the production of the annual. The success could not have been achieved without the wholehearted cooperation of the faculty and the student body. This concerted effort will be awarded, not only in the pages of this book, but the good will and the principles set forth herein will go out and grow in the minds and memories of all who find moments to enjoy its pages.

In the years that will come I feel sure you will remember that: Success is due to backbone and not wishbone.

Sincerely,

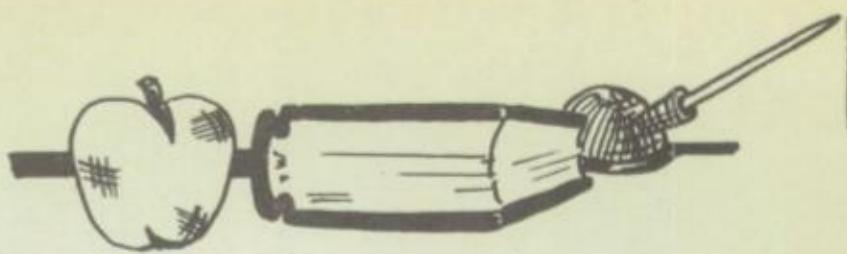
J. E. Miller





FACULTY

Faculty



J. E. Miller, B. S.
Superintendent
Science

Veigh Miller, B.S.
Principal High School
Commerce



Nonia L. Jackson, B.S.
Home Economics

W. B. Miller, B.S.
Agriculture

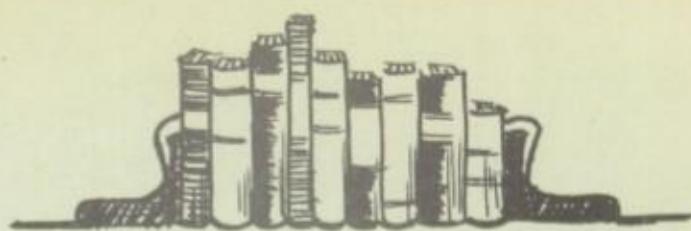


H. H. Miller
History - Math

Pauline Hines, B.S.
English



Faculty



Tera Dickerson
Principal Elementary School
Seventh Grade

Mary Clark
Sixth Grade



Lillie Miller
Fifth Grade

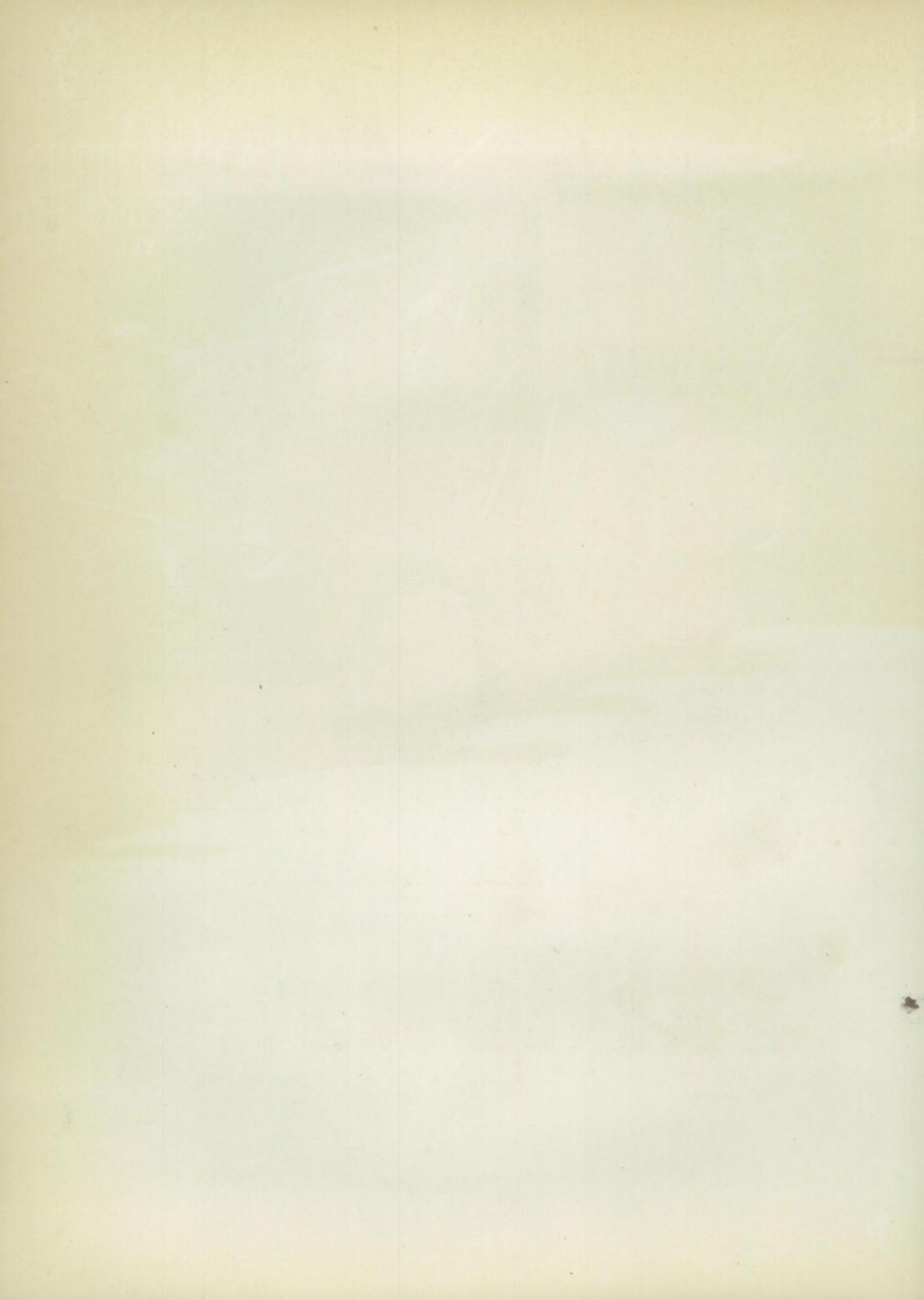
Thelma Gasway
Third and Fourth Grades



Vonie Mae Sheffield
Second and Third Grades

Hazel P. Zorn, B.S.
First Grade







SENIATORS

Seniors

L. C. Platt, Jr.

"This is grand! tis solemn! tis an
education of itself to look upon."
Cooper

R. V. Langley

"She neglects her heart who stu-
dies her glass."

Von Knebel



Martha Jane Lee

"The fairest garden in her looks,
and in her mind the wisest books."

Cowley



Elwood Smith

"Kindness in women, not their
beautous looks, shall win my love."

Shakespeare



Marjorie Erwin

"Friendship is the marriage of the
soul."

Voltaire

Earlyene Smith

"Virtue is not left to stand alone.
He who practices it will have
neighbors."

Confucius



Dewie Ross

"Handsome is as handsome does."

Goldsmith

Maxine McGraw

"Her voice was ever soft, gentle
and low, an excellent thing in
women."

Shakespeare

Seniors

K. W. Smith

"He makes a July day short as December."

Shakespeare

Ira Nee Nichols

"She is a winsome wee thing
She is a handsome wee thing
She is a bonny wee thing
This sweet girl o' mine."

Burns



Clemmons Davis

"Above our life we love a steadfast friend."

Marlowe

Ernest Rogers

"For men may come and men may go, but I go on forever."

Tennyson



Mattie B. Holmes

"I know everything except myself."

Vildon



Etta Lee Craig

"Life what art thou without love."

Moore



Dorothy Simmons

"The mildest manners and the gentlest heart."

Homer

Ruth Wilson

"All we ask is to be alone."

Davis



Something funny?

S E N I O R



Class History

President Roosevelt had established by 1934 the New Deal and the depression had begun to ease. This same eventful year the Senior Class of Burkeville High School of 1945-46 started on the pathway to education. Many were in different schools, but we all had about the same fights and good times.

We gradually grew in stature and knowledge and finally in 1942 we found ourselves under the same school roof. There were many of us in one room at that time so the roof was probably a little bulged.

Our main sport was basketball, which field we entered in our freshman year and after four years of ups and downs, we have many pleasant memories.

The freshman and sophomore years passed swiftly. By the time we reached the Junior Class, we were thoroughly broken into high school life and had obtained courage to be mean—dealing the Seniors the most misery. The Junior play, "Heart Trouble," was a success, and our banquet honoring the Seniors of 1945 will well be remembered for many years.

The Junior Class honored the Seniors of '46 with a banquet on March 22 which will long be remembered as one of the last big events of our happy high school days.

Our final appearance before graduation was made on April 12, when we presented "Busy as a Beaver," a farce-comedy with a cast of thirteen. The proceeds of this play helped us to defray the expenses of the long-looked-forward-to Senior Trip which was made on April 26.

This, our last year in "dear ole' Burkeville High School," has been pleasant and smooth-running. On Sunday, May 12, we solemnly, but proudly, entered the high school auditorium as graduates for the Baccalaureate Sermon. This memorable occasion impressed us with the deep responsibility which is ours in serving our fellowman. The climax was reached on May 17 when we, the Class of 1946, happy but sad, met together for the last time—Commencement Night.



JUNIORS

Juniors



Prentice Dillard, Gracie Rudd, Edren Clark, Hodie Gunter, Don Evans, Mable Ann Talley, Velma Miller, Sue Newby, Coy Brack, Charles Griffen Stanley, Claudia Miller, Mildred Tompkins, Kathryn Watson, Haywood Bordeaux, Ray Milton Miller, Elton Marshall, Joe Dan Talley, Tommy Lindsey, Earl Carlton Russell.

- JUNIORS -



Julia - Julia



Teacher



Some of the gang



Stag line



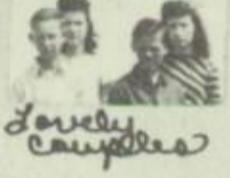
all alone



Laziness Deluxe



Man's heritage



Lovely couples



???



Class officers



We Kids



coffee, Div?



The Entire cast



Jaeron



Mr. Meredith



Hill Society



This is all fun and whimsy, don't get sarcastic!!



Susan



SOPHOMORES

Sophomores



Mattox Rogers, Velma Holmes, Elizabeth Henry, Mary Helen Holmes, Billy Joe Mafouz, Burnett Low, Mary Alice McGraw, Louise Smith, Marie Harbison, Harold Erwin, James Henry Dainwood, James Medley, Martin Lou Mullir Cyril Lindsey, Terrence Smith.



Sophomores

What's coming?
"before"
"after"



Sky High!!!



"Boy shortage"



Smile, please.

'Possum Grins!



all stars, huh!
"Helen" Joe



What's up
Boys?



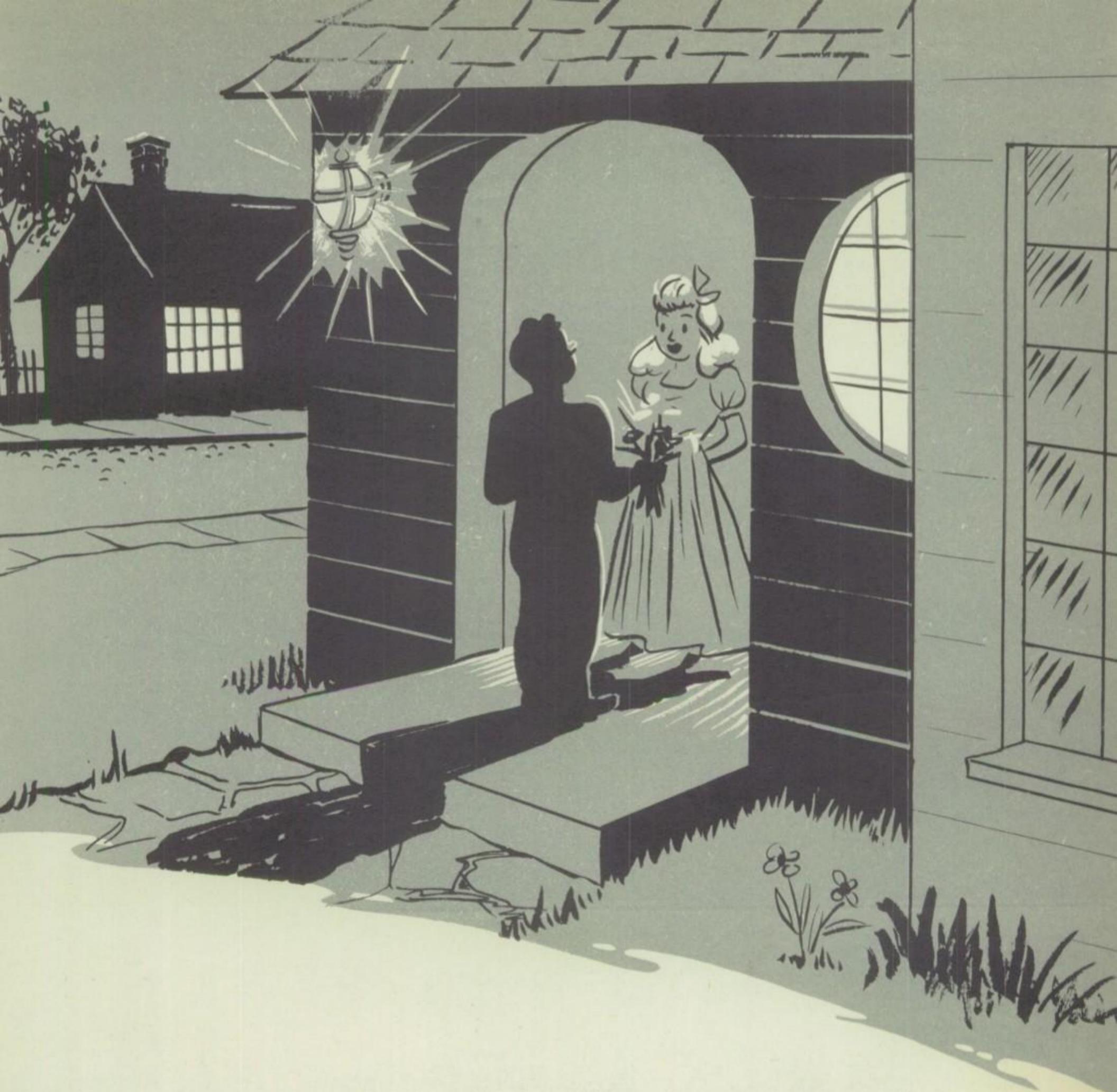
Loafing again?



nothing

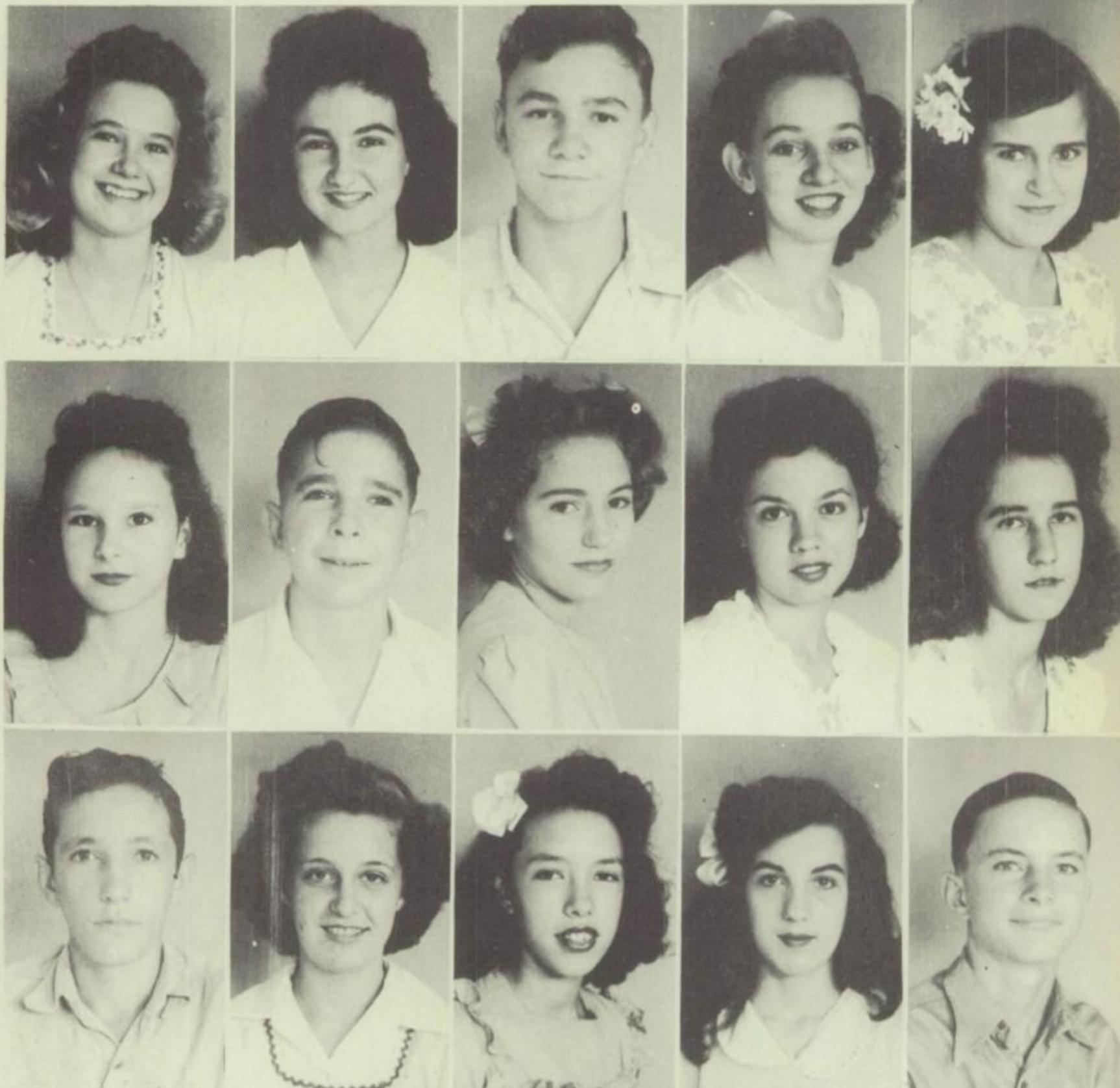


Having fun?



REFRESHIMEN

Freshmen



Mary Lou Hall, Nelva Phelps, Yvonne Strickland, Charles E. Dickerson, Doris Smith, Octavene Miller, Billy Jo Griggs, J. W. Simmons, Mary Elizabeth Goff, Edice Woods, Imogene Lindsey, James Odom, Ruth Marshall, Claudell Miller, B. D. Langley, Melvin Woods .

Freshmen



test hair style of 1940



The "old Gang"



He'll do it
every time



adorable things



He is the one



There is an extra pair



That's him.



Very interesting



Rear view



It's been a long long time



osing for the camera



I like her.



you've got him!!

Baby face.

Believe it or not

what?? No prob!

Oh, Boy!



The usual thing.



out date kid.



What a party! um.



Three of em.

Wanted!!



Reconversion
for a change.

not to speak
of my beauty.





ELEMENTARY

Eighth Grade

Mary Helen Simmons
Burton Weeks
Wanda Franklin



M. D. Erwin
Lillie Helen Gunter
Elray Conn



Carlos Rogers
Juanell Erzen
Billy Dillard



Lloyd Conn
Patsy Mullin
"Buddy" Holmes



Charles Gunter
Homer Mae Clark
Jimmy Dale Smith



Jay Dixie Smith
Marie McCraw
Donald Franklin



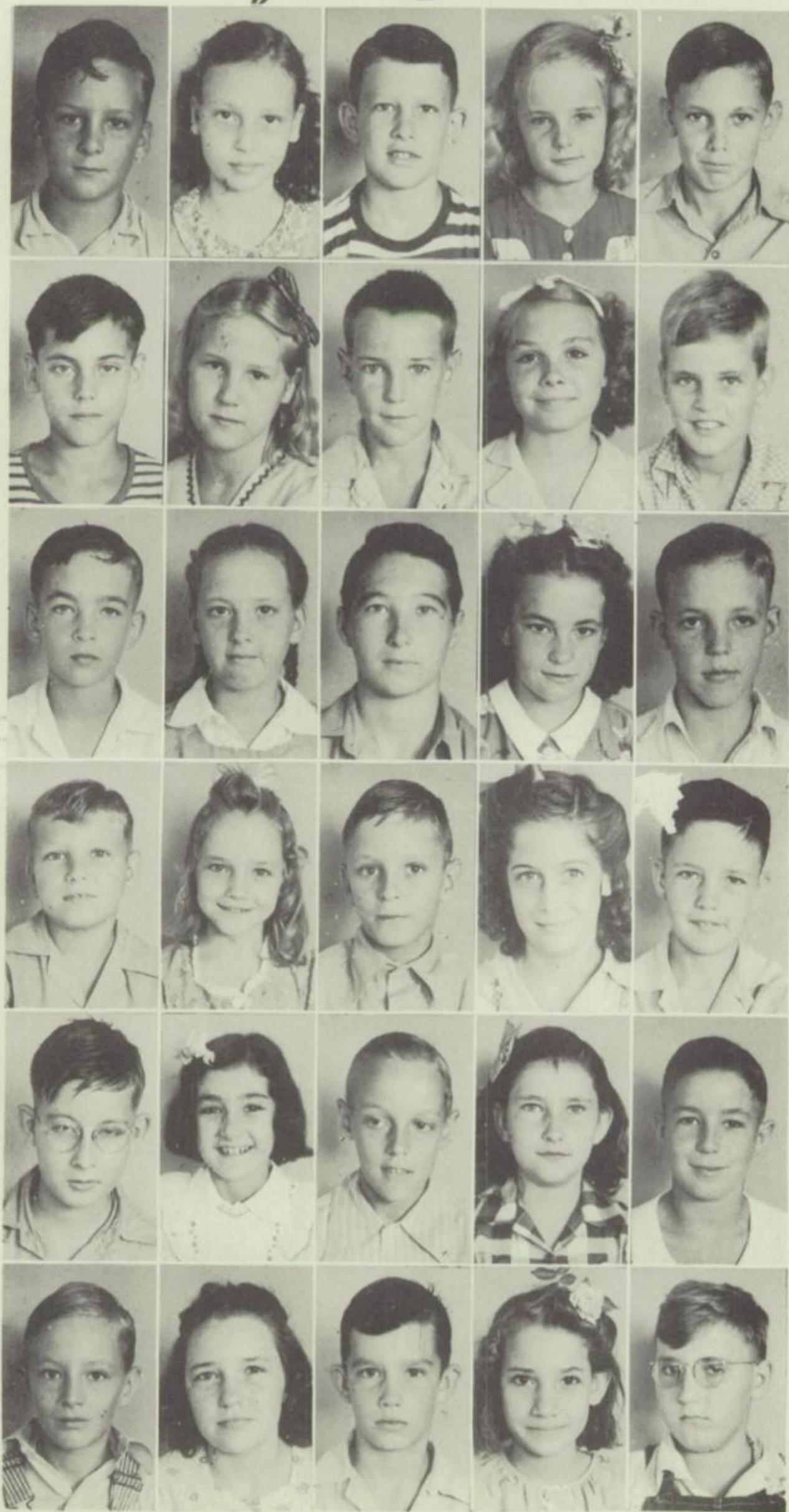
Seventh Grade



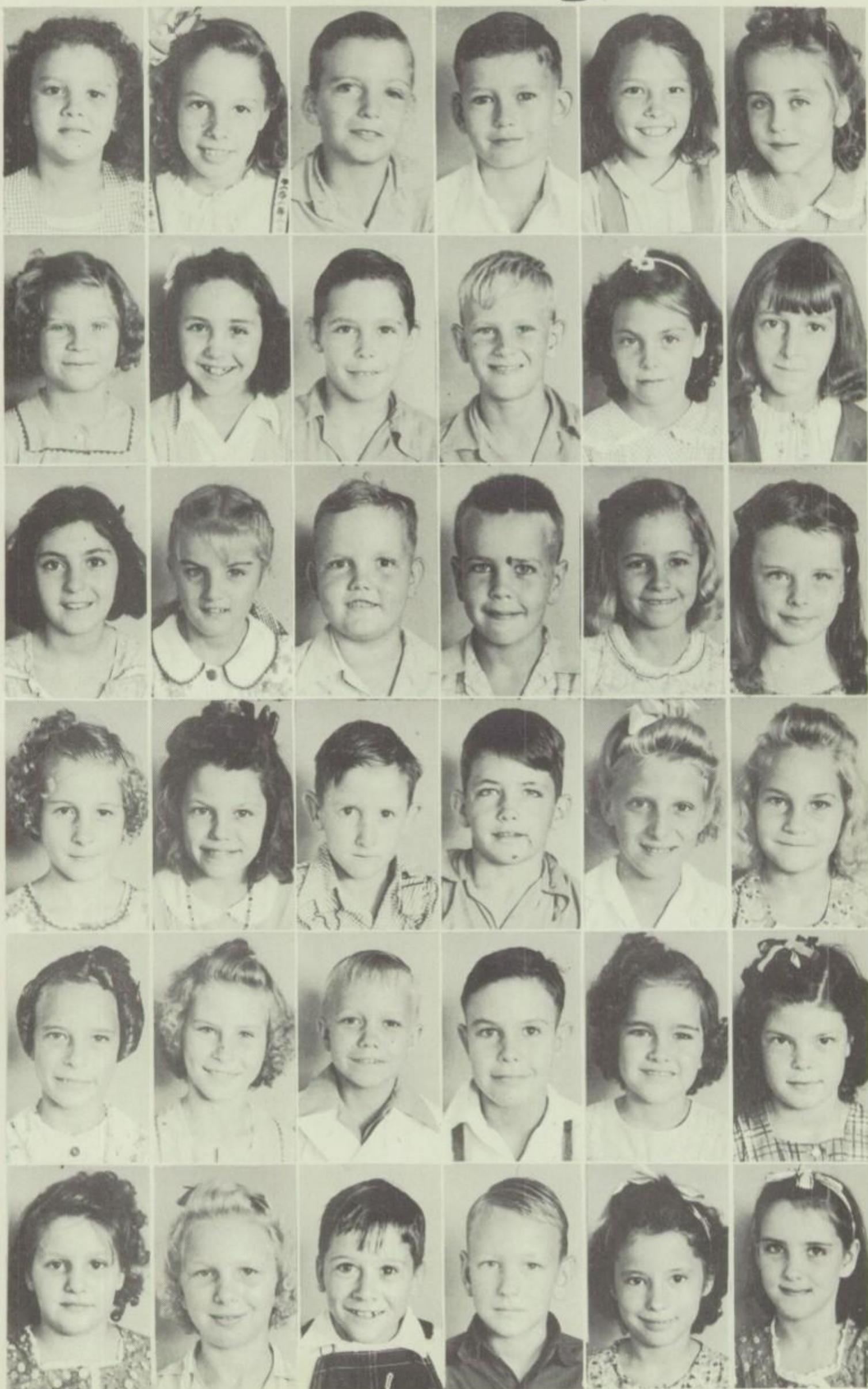
Sixth Grade



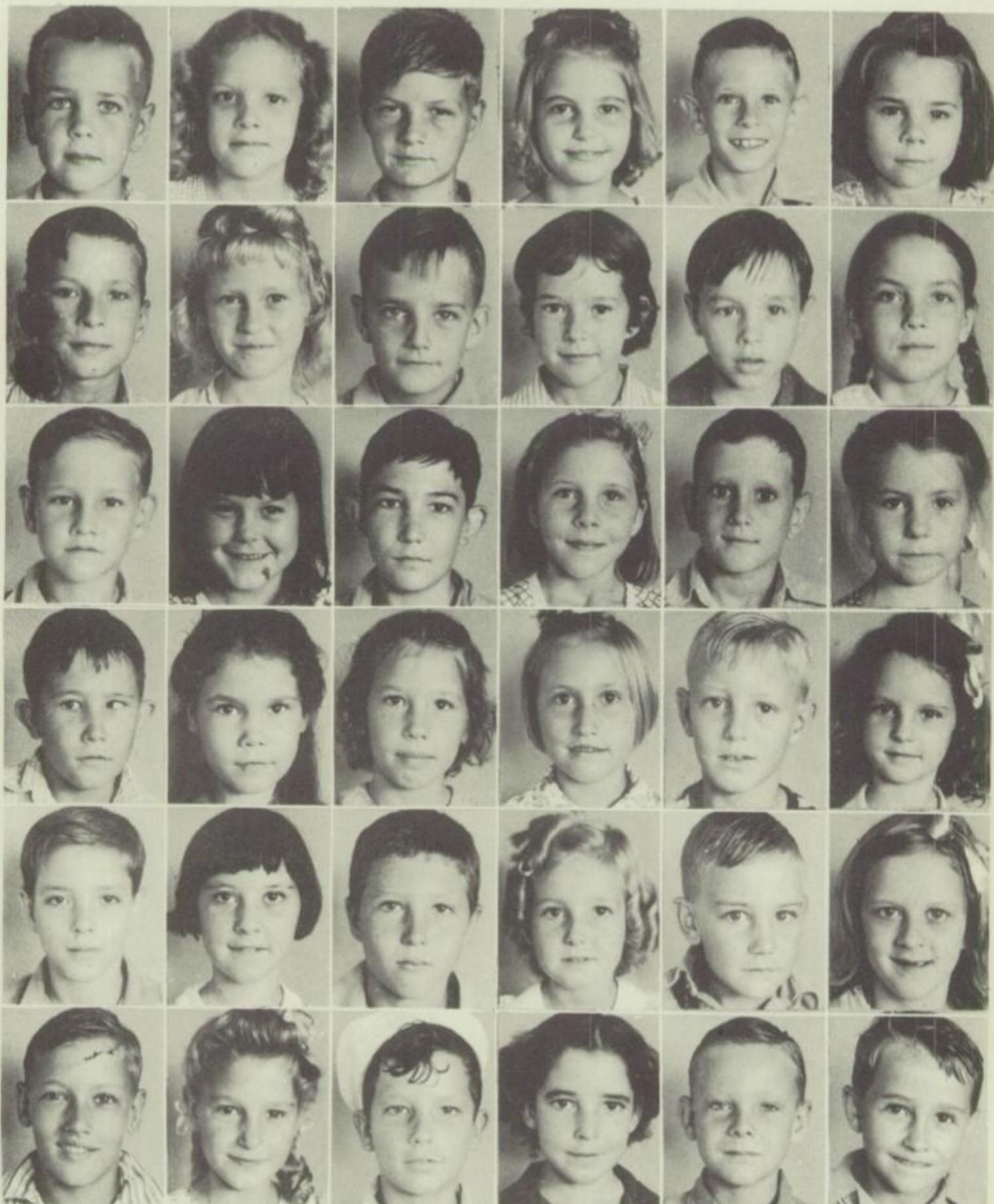
Fifth Grade



*Third and
Fourth Grade*

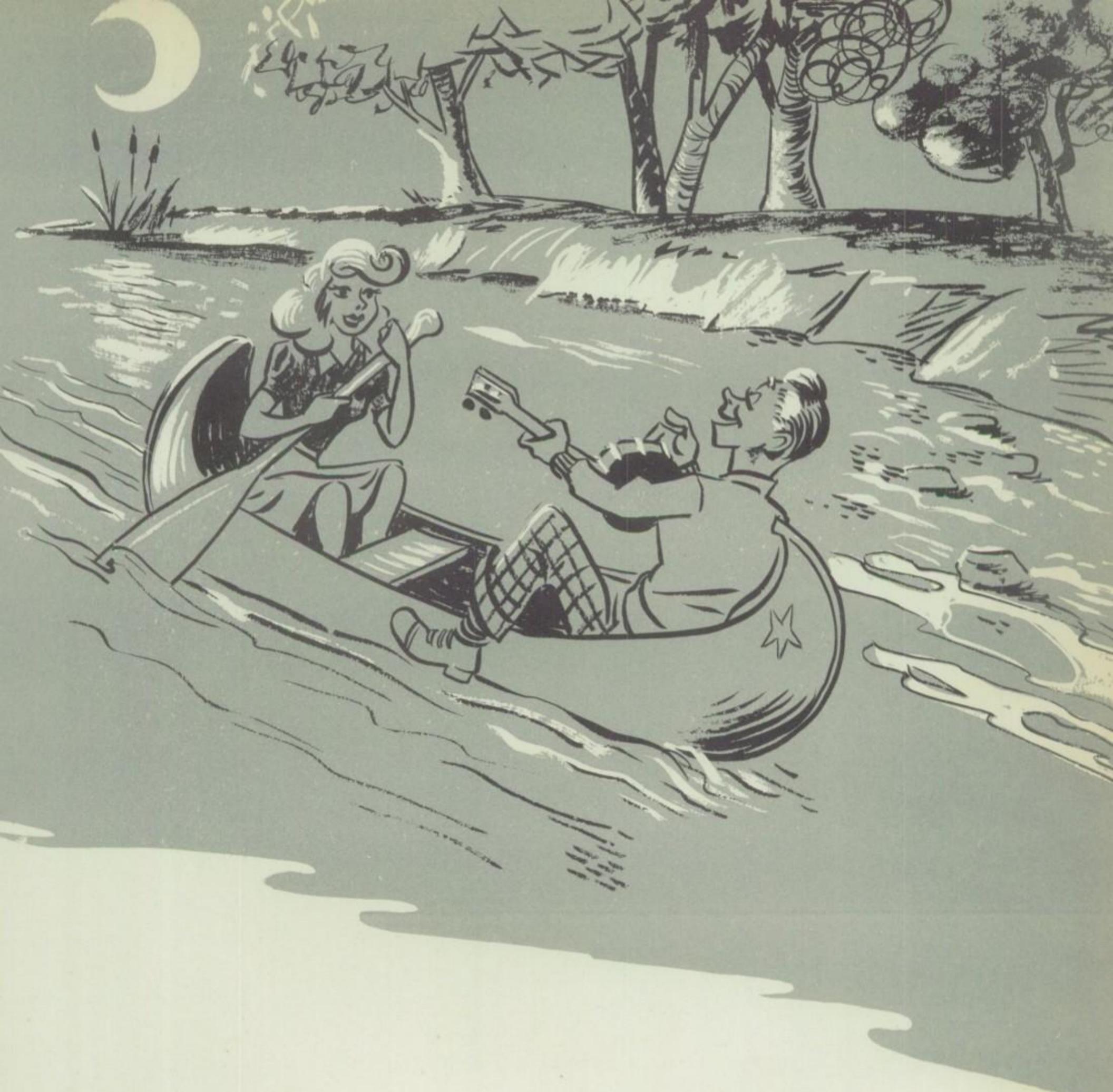


Second and Third Grades

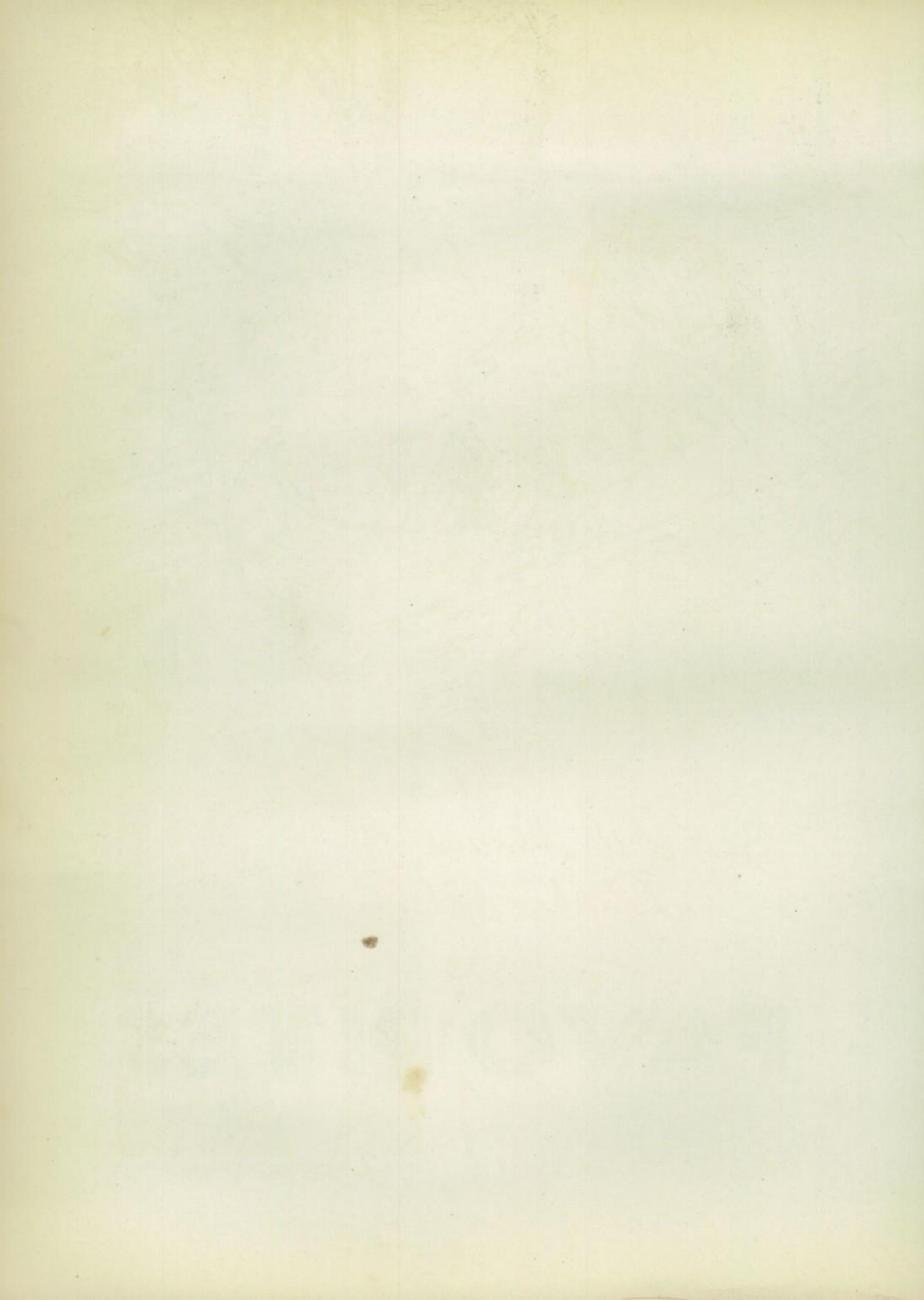


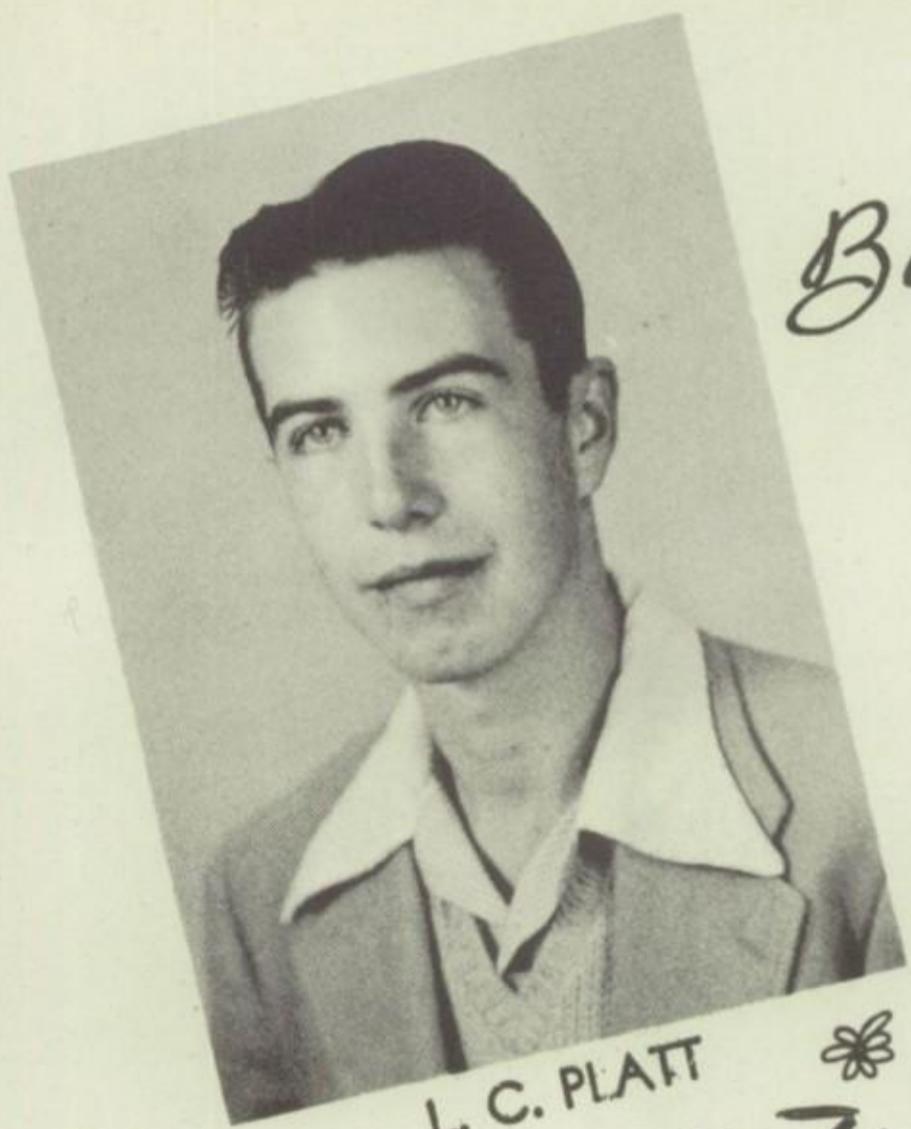
First Grade





FAVORITES





Best All-Around
Boy

L.C. PLATT



Best All-Around
Girl

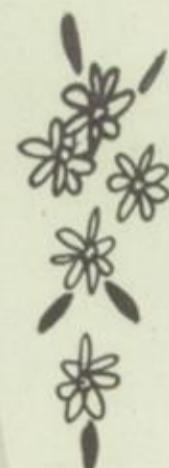


MARJORIE ERWIN

Most Popular



RAY MILTON MILLER

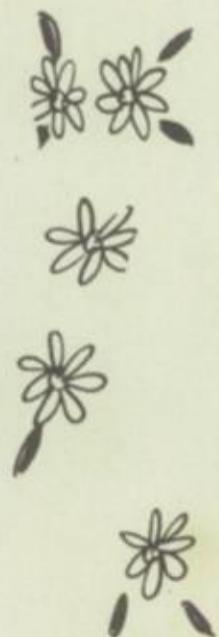


SUE NEWBY

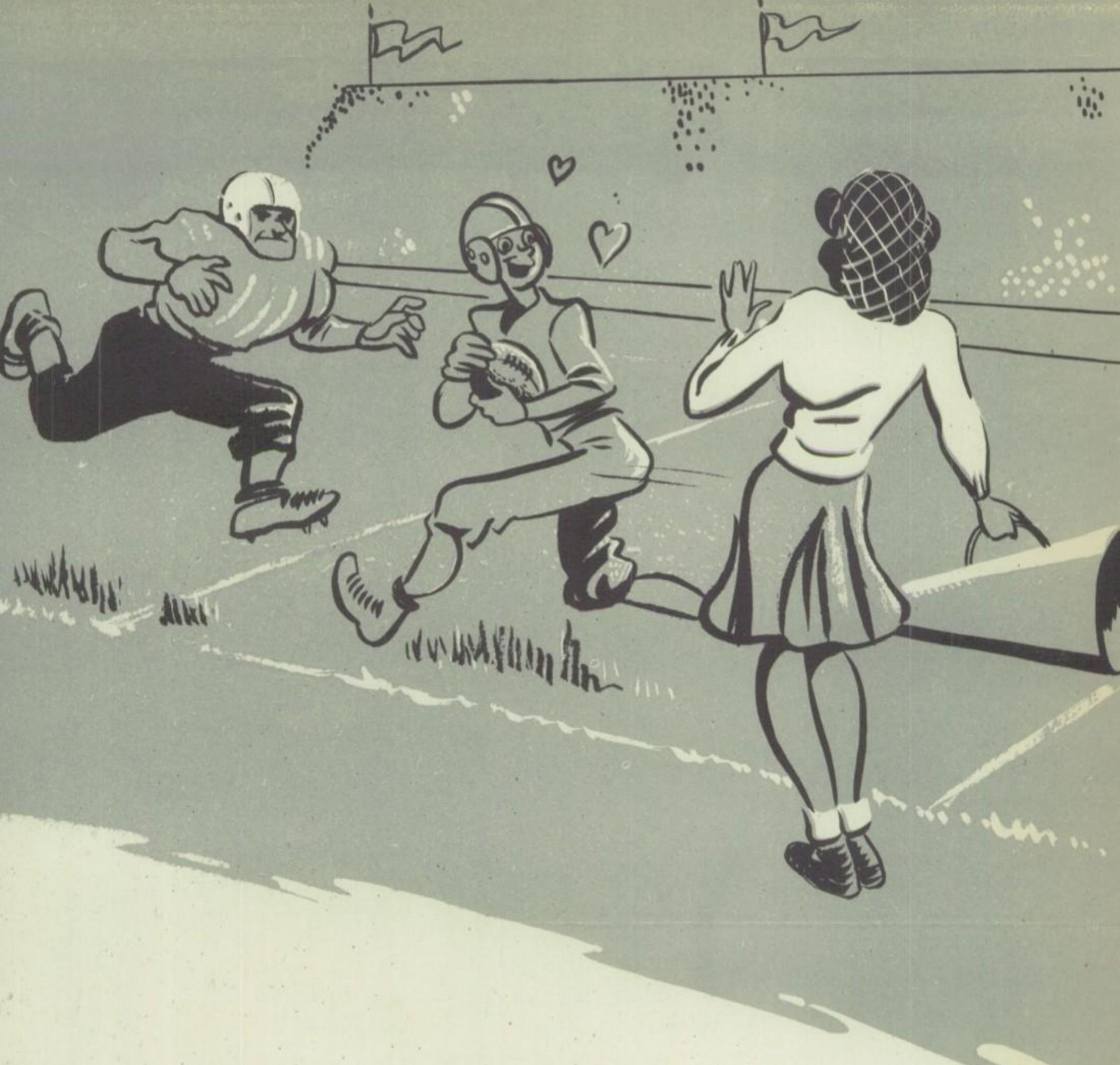
Most Attractive



MARY HELEN HOLMES



COY BRACK



ATHLETICS

Basketball Girls



Erwin



Coach Miller



Newby



McGraw



Talley



Holmes



Clark



Henry



Tompkins



Miller



McGraw



Holmes



Harbison



Holmes

Summary Of Basketball

The girls' basketball team of 1945-46 had a very successful year.

THE "A" TEAM PLAYERS ARE:

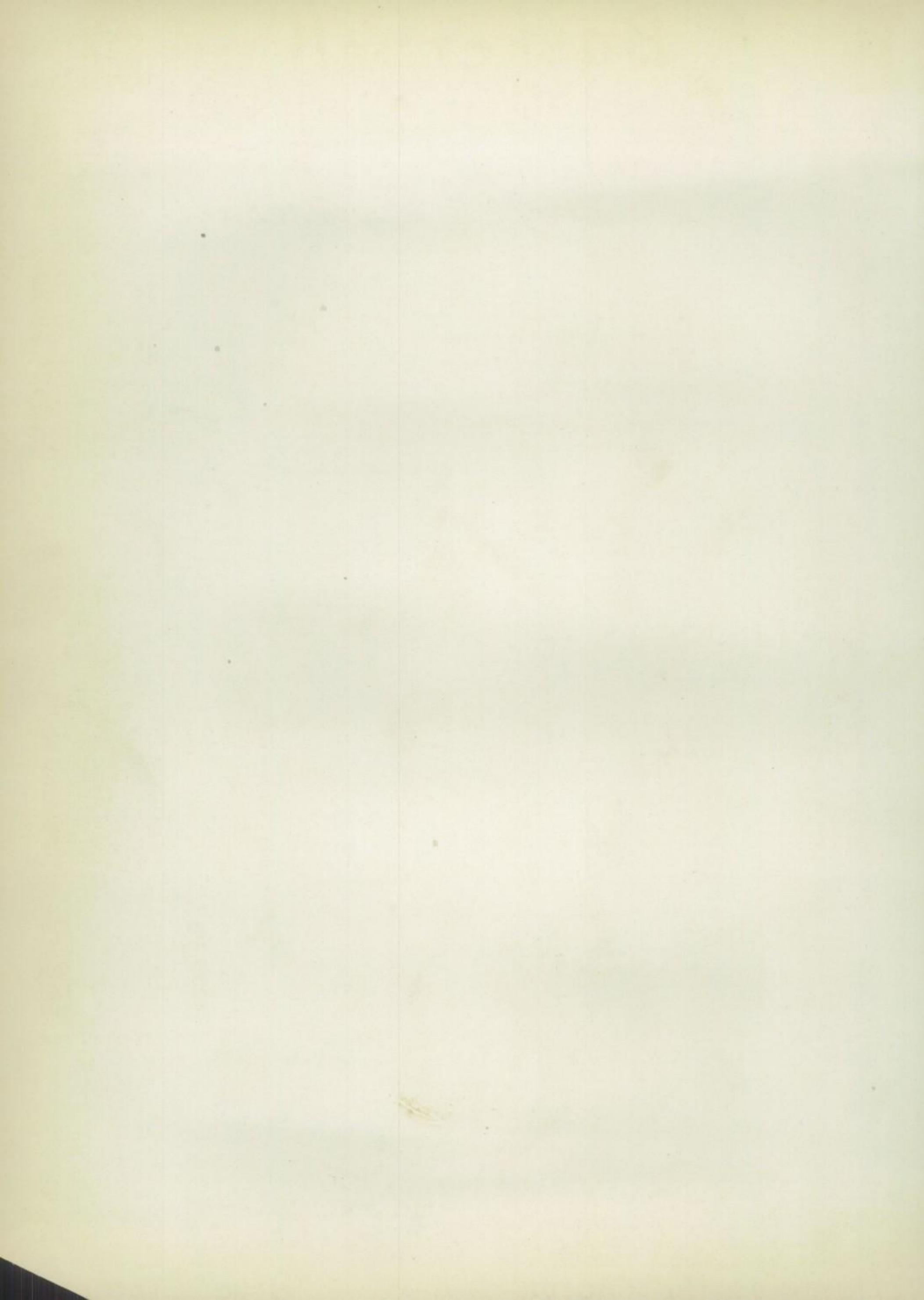
F—Marjorie Erwin, Captain	Senior
F—Maxine McGraw	Senior
F—Sue Newby	Junior
G—Mattie B. Holmes	Senior
G—Mabel A. Talley	Junior
G—Edren Clark	Junior
F—Elizabeth Henry	Sophomore
G—Claudia Miller	Junior
G—Mildred Tompkins	Junior
G—Mary Elizabeth Goff	Freshman

RECORD OF GAMES

Burkeville vs.		
Kirbyville at Burkeville	17	05
Pineland at Burkeville	27	08
Kirbyville at Kirbyville	18	17
Buna at Buna	09	23
Town Team	29	10
Deweyville at Burkeville	17	14
Bleakwood at Bleakwood	11	22
Town Team	26	10
Town Team	23	07
Newton at Newton	18	18
Pineland at Pineland	44	13
Jasper at Jasper	17	04
Brookland at Burkeville	27	07
Buna at Burkeville	17	14
Bleakwood at Burkeville	16	32
Deweyville at Deweyville	18	12

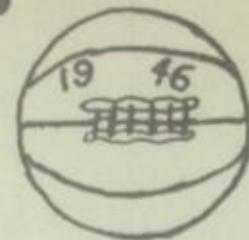
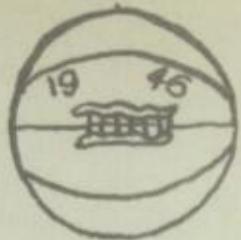
Burkeville Tournament Games:

Kirbyville	19	15
Pineland	49	13
Buna	19	35



B

Basketball Boys

B

"Cush"



Coach Bill



"Ace"



"Bardo"



"Rogers"



"Griffin"



"Albert"



"Talley"



"Bully"



"Aaron"



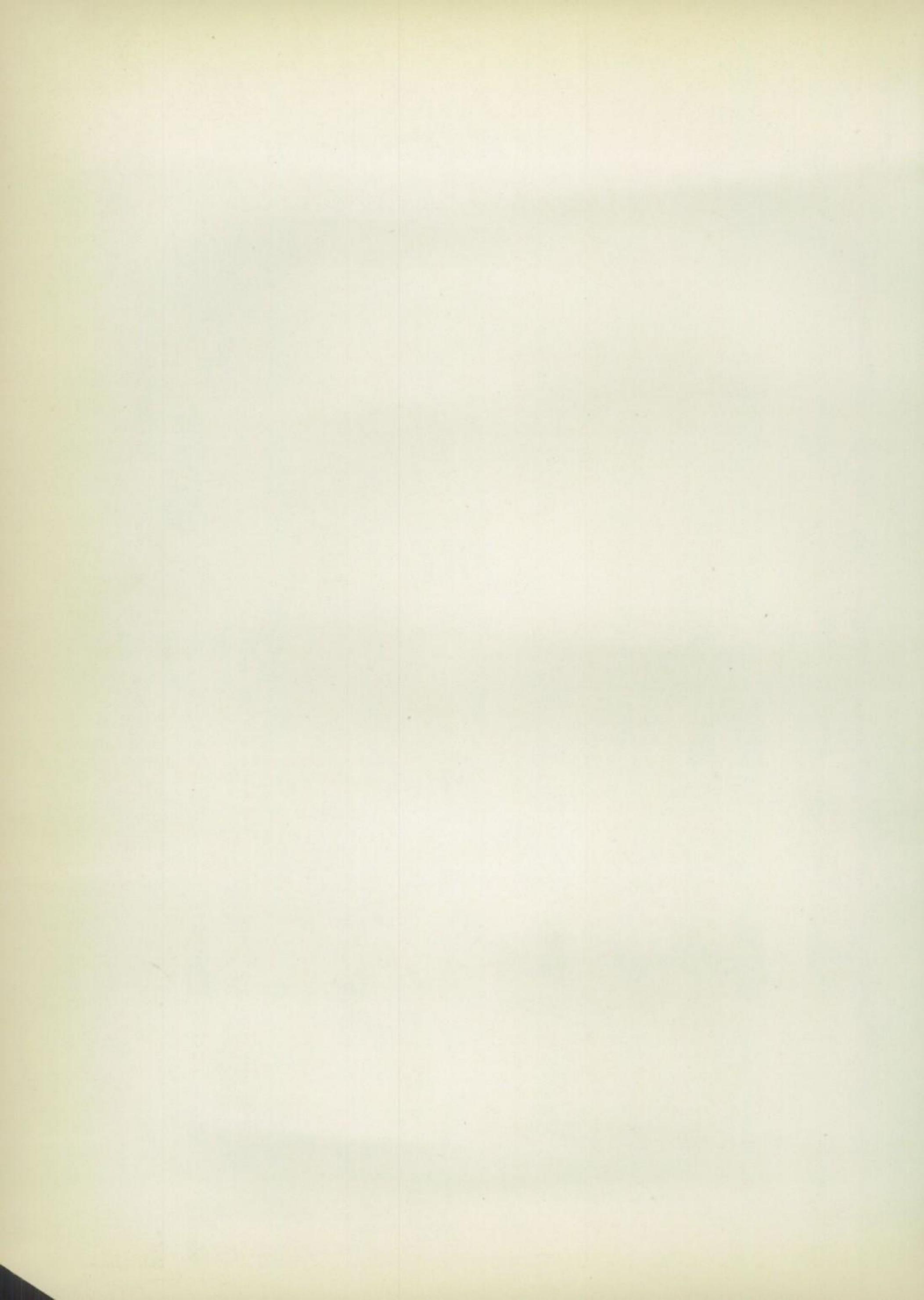
"K.W."



"Blue"



"Tommy"



Bearkats Basketball Season Of 1945-46

At the first of this school year, officials of eight schools met and formed a basketball league. The teams included were Burkeville, Buna, Deweyville, Bleakwood, Newton, Brookland, Bronson and Pineland. Each team was to play a home game and a return game with every other team in the league. The District was held at Kirbyville. Although Burkeville did not win the tournament, they were fairly successful in their games of the season. The scores are given below.

DISTRICT GAMES

Burkeville vs:

Pineland at Burkeville	15	10
Buna at Buna	06	34
Deweyville at Burkeville	20	15
Bleakwood at Bleakwood	12	10
Newton at Newton	10	12
Pineland at Pineland	16	23
Brookland at Brookland	26	27
Buna at Burkeville	11	18
Brookland at Burkeville	16	23
Bleakwood at Burkeville	16	16
Deweyville at Deweyville	36	21

OTHER GAMES

Burkeville vs:

Kirbyville at Burkeville	16	18
Kirbyville at Kirbyville	18	22
Jasper at Burkeville	25	20

TOURNAMENT GAMES

Burkeville vs:

Big Sandy at Jasper Tournament	15	51
Pineland at Jasper Tournament	16	22
Newton at Burkeville Tournament	19	17
Jasper at Burkeville Tournament	19	17
Jasper at Burkeville Tournament	13	19
Bronson at District Tournament	30	16
Brookland at District Tournament	23	27



ACTIVITIES



Burkeville-Wiergate Parent-Teacher Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pauline Hines	President
Thelma Russell	Vice-President
Thelma Gasaway	Secretary
Ida Wright	Treasurer

CHAIRMEN

Zadie McGraw	Program
Vale Talley	Membership
Mildred Burnham	Hospitality
Hazel Zorn	Study Course
Lily Miller	Summer Kount-rip
Rose Smith	Finance
Lavelle Jones	Recreation
Grace Lee	High School Room Mothers
Louise Jackson	Music
Marie Freeman	Elementary Room Mothers
Veigh Miller	Publication
Annie Bordeaux	Historian
J. E. Miller	Parliamentarian
Tera Dickerson	Principal, Elementary School



CORONATION



Pianoist



Prince and Princesses



Archbishop



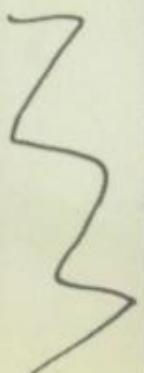
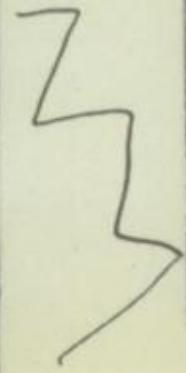
Junior, Senior
Dukes and Duchesses



Tribunes



Flowerland Court



Herald



Fairies

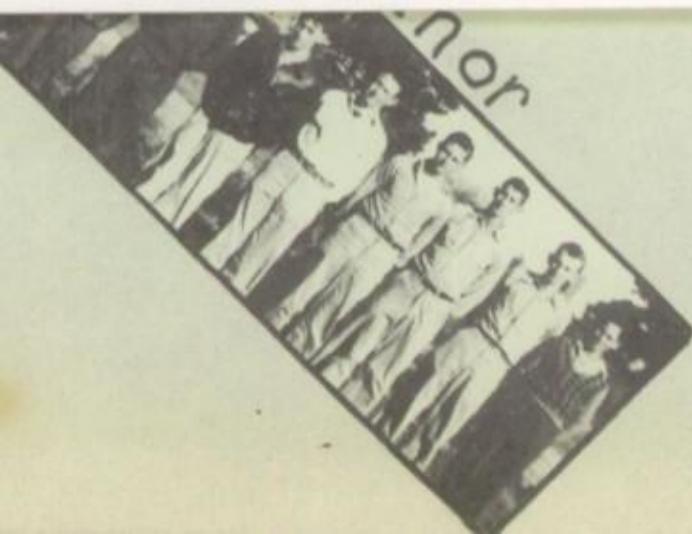
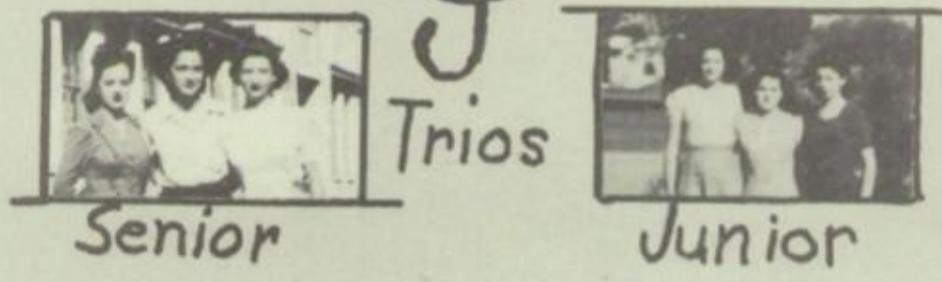
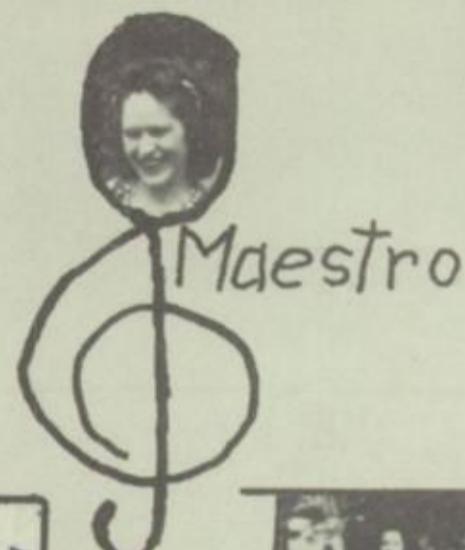


Flowers



Butterflies

CHORAL CLUB



Roster Of The Burkeville High School Choral Club

Sonny Bordeaux	B. D. Langley	J. W. Simmons
Edren Clark	Melba Langley	Yvonne Strickland
Etta Lee Craig	R. V. Langley	Dorothy Merle Simmons
Clemons Davis	Imogene Lindsey	Earlyene Smith
James Henry Dainwood	Ruth Marshall	Doris Smith
Charles E. Dickerson	Mary Alice McGraw	Tishie Smith
Don Evans	Claudell Miller	K. W. Smith
Nettie Beth Fort	Claudia Miller	Elwood Smith
Gordon Gilley	Octavene Miller	Charles G. Stanley
Billie Jo Griggs	Ray Milton Miller	Mabel Ann Talley
Mary Elizabeth Goff	Velma Miller	Mildred Tompkins
Myrtle Hall	Martin Lew Mullin	Ada Mae Watson
Marie Harbison	Sue Newby	Kathryn Watson
Elizabeth Henry	Ira Nee Nichols	Ruth Wilson
Mary Helen Holmes	James Odom	Edice Woods
Velma Holmes	Nelva Phelps	Melvin Woods
Mary Lou Hall	Gracie Rudd	

TRIOS

SENIOR GIRLS

R. V. Langley
Sue Newby
Earlyene Smith

JUNIOR GIRLS

Tishie Smith
Edice Woods
Octavene Miller

BOYS QUARTET

Charles E. Dickerson....High Tenor
James Henry Dainwood....Baritone

Don EvansFirst Tenor
Ray Milton MillerBass

ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR

Presentation of a Cantata
"The Light of Men".
December 19, 1945
Baptist Church

DirectorMrs. Pauline Hines



Ruth Marshall, Claudell Miller, Mary E. Goff, Miss Jackson, Sponsor, Imogene Lindsey, Edice Woods, Doris Smith, Octavene Miller, Ada M. Watson, Nelva Phelps, Mary Lou Hall, Nettie B. Fort, B. D. Langley, Billie J. Griggs.

Future Homemakers



Marie Harbison, Tishie Smith, Mary A. McGraw, Miss Jackson, Sponsor, Dorothy Simmons, Velma Holmes, Elizabeth Henry, Mary H. Holmes.

Future Homemakers

The Homemaking classes of 1945-46 have accomplished much in their work with the aid of Miss Nonia L. Jackson, their sponsor. During the preparations for the Halloween Coronation the Home Economics girls assisted with the decorations for the "Royal Court".

The second year girls honored the faculty with an informal luncheon, through which they gained experience in planning, cooking and serving a meal. Girls from both first and second year classes assisted with the serving at the Father-Son Banquet given by the F. F. A., and the Junior-Senior Banquet sponsored by the Junior Class.

During the second semester the girls of the Home Economics classes studied color combinations, the different weaves of materials, and dyed some luncheon sets. These luncheon sets were placed on display.

As an improvement to the cottage the girls made new draperies for the living room and kitchen. They brought curtain material for the living room, and, to show that they were economical, they block printed curtains for the kitchen. Each girl also made a cotton and a silk dress which she modeled on "Visitation Night".





On lovers' bench?



Meat in the barrow



Seesaws for our little Neighbors



Chicks for the banquet



Looking for the "Birdie"

Future Farmers



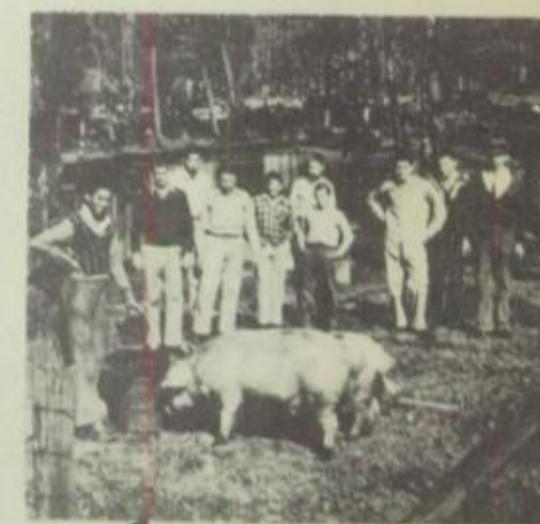
Work? Shop!



"Contented"



Spices of our Club



Lard-Bucket



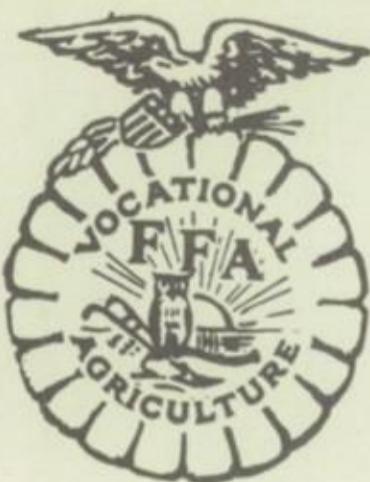
That's all of us



"Let me call you Sweetheart" Poor little pig



Officers in charge



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The teaching of Vocational Agriculture was re-established in Burkeville High School in 1940. With the systematic teaching of agriculture, the high school boys were privileged to organize the Future Farmers of America. The Burkeville Chapter, along with three other Chapters, form the Newton-Jasper District. The Chapter is in Area I in the Texas Association of F. F. A.

The Chapter varies its programs and its objective each year to best serve the needs of the community and its members. The program for 1945-46 and the committees responsible for each objective is briefly given below.

I. SUPERVISED FARMING

- A. Repairing Farm buildings
- B. Improving orchards

II. COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

- A. Fed out broilers for banquet
- B. Fed out hogs for market

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

- A. Preventing livestock disease
- B. Beautifying Campus

IV. LEADERSHIP ACT

- A. Public speaking contest
- B. Publish school-community paper
- C. Entered district contest
- D. Carried on F. F. A. meetings
- E. Sponsor Father and Son Banquet

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

- A. Sponsored sweetheart contest
- B. Sold carbon oil
- C. Sold peanuts and popcorn

VI. CONDUCTING OF MEETINGS

- A. Training of officers
- B. Develop a written program for the Chapters

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

- A. Improve scholarship
- B. Reading improvement

VIII. RECREATION

- A. Chapter encampment for district
- B. F. F. A. basketball tournament
- C. Attended Beaumont Fair
- D. Attended Houston Fat Stock Show
- E. Serving at Regular F. F. A. Meeting

Annual Staff



Our Typist? couldn't be.



How did this
happen??

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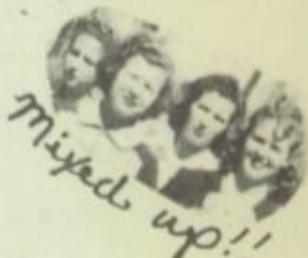
Elizabeth Henry

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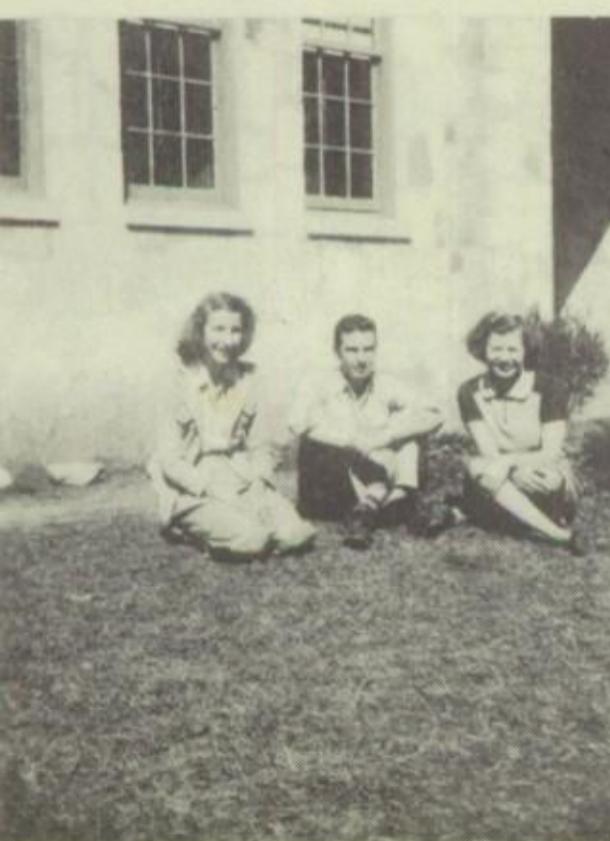
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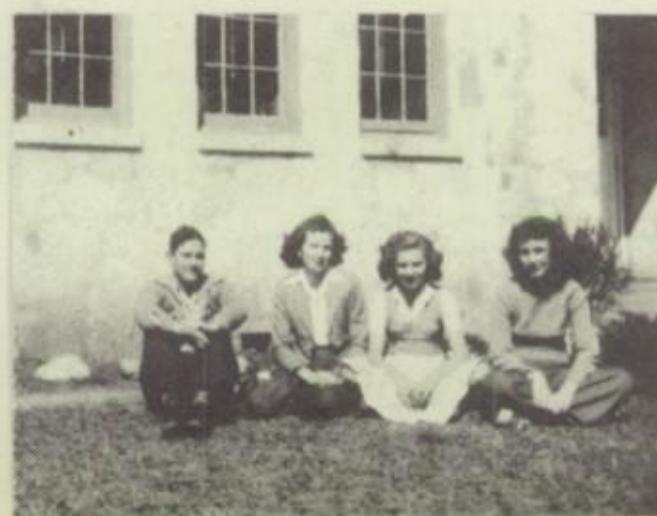
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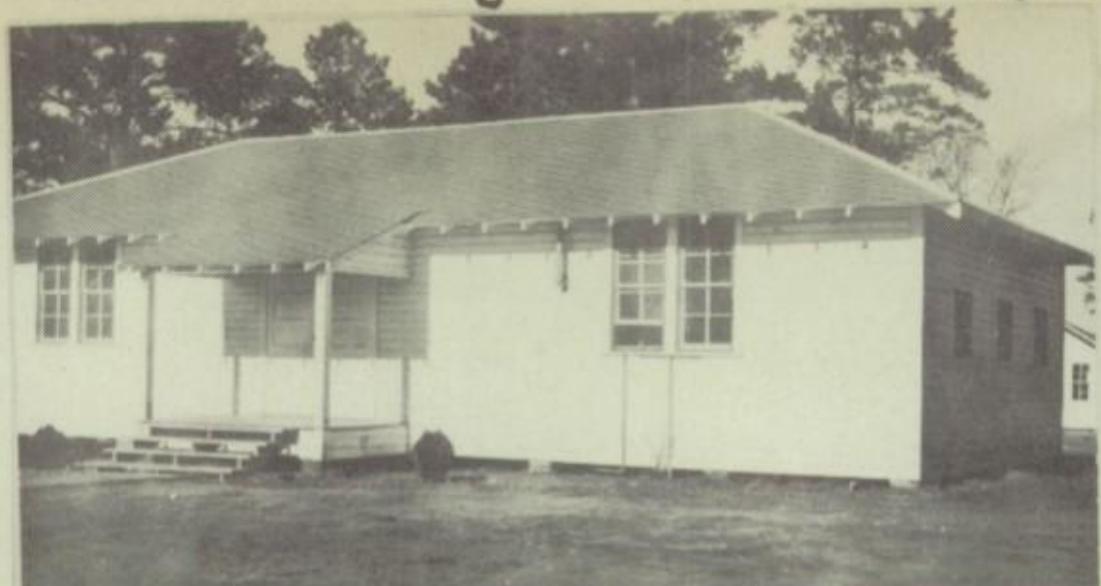


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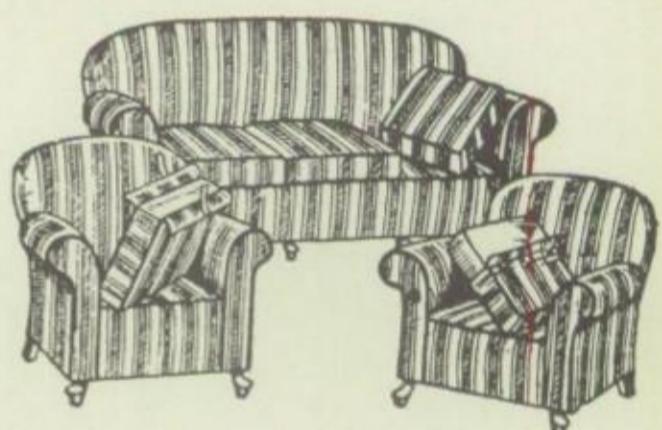
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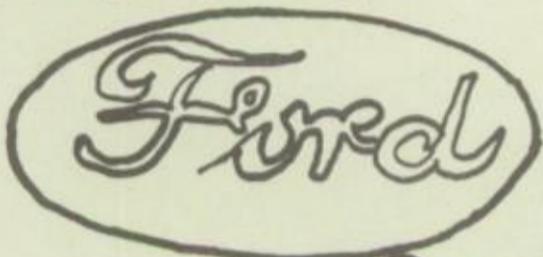
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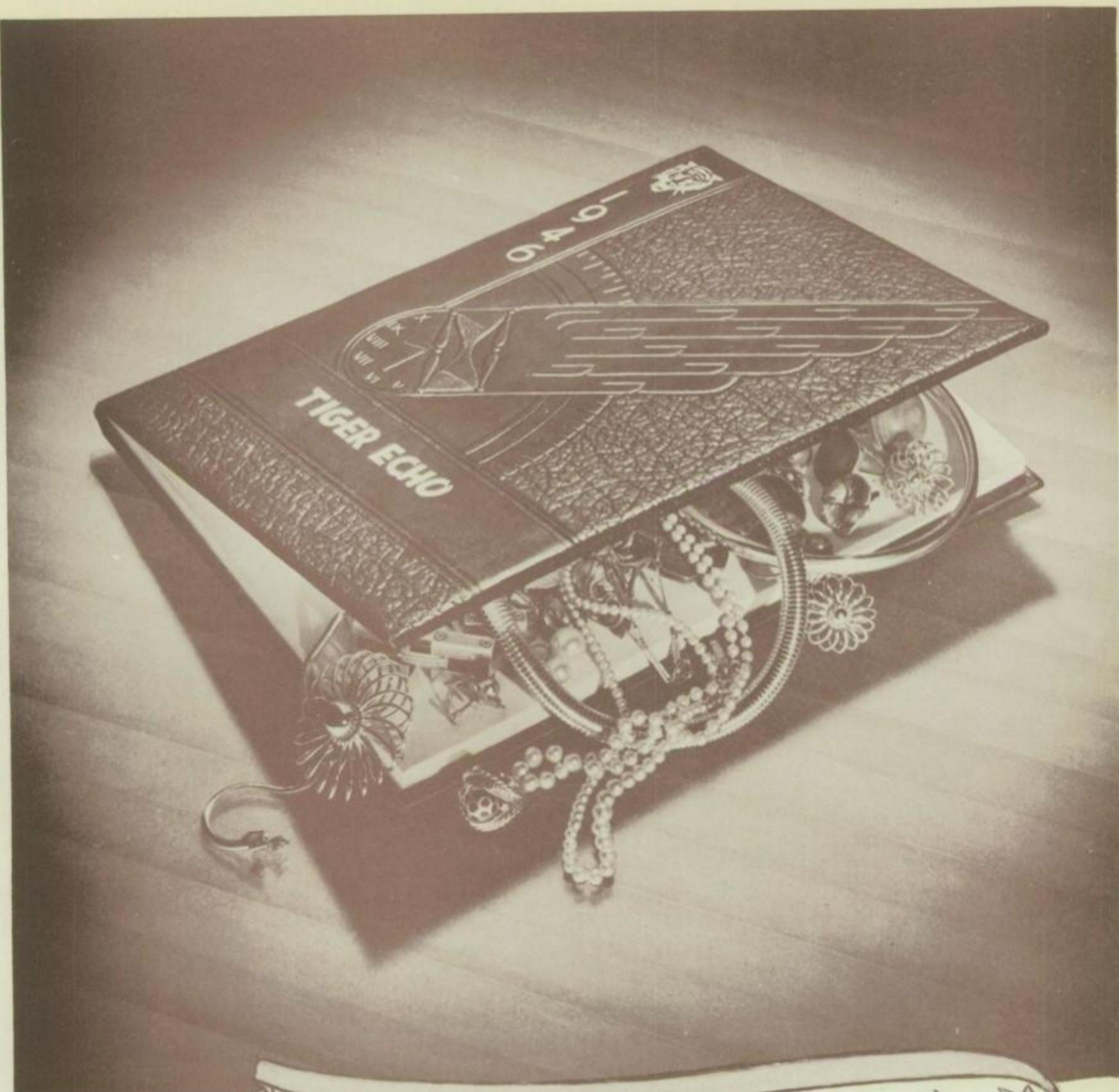
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